

Date 16 March 1946

I, Mariano Pangelinan, I.D. No. 1, Labor No. 849, do hereby make the following statement to the Legal Officer ~~Reinex Department~~ freely and voluntarily, without coercion, with the full realization that such statement made may be used as evidence against me.

I, Mariano Pangelinan, was born on November 1880 in Guam and came to Saipan in 1905. From 1903 to 1945 I served as district chief of District #2. Under the Japanese I was a labor foreman. In such capacity I had an opportunity to observe the conditions under which native labor worked. The Japanese government definitely used forced native labor. If a man did not work, he was beaten or thrown into jail. Even children of seven years were forced to work. Adults were poorly paid, native children were not paid at all. These youngsters carried baskets of sand, bricks and building materials and worked in road construction. The only thing that they obtained was food, and that was insufficient to sustain them. In my opinion the Japanese definitely forced laborers to work for them without remuneration.

The Japanese were very careful to hide from the native population all military installations and fortifications, but I saw many signs of Japanese rearmament in Saipan before 1941. This rearmament started gradually around 1935 with the building of the Aslito air field on the present site of Isley Field and made rapid headway by 1940. I noticed during this period the construction of ammunition dumps, military barracks, and other military installations.

I have had all the foregoing material on this page interpreted to me by Ignacio Benavente in the Chamorro language, which I understand. I have made this statement voluntarily and have had the interpreter read the statement on this page; finding it to be a full and complete statement of the circumstances connected with my attachment to this case. I hereby certify that the above is a

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complete and true statement of facts, and that no compulsion or pressure of any kind whatsoever was exerted on me by any person in making this written statement.

/s/ Mariano Pangelinan

I swear that I am familiar with both the English language and the Chamorro language and that before the above statement was signed I read same in the Chamorro language to the person who signed same.

/s/ Ignacio Benavente

WITNESS: /s/ Charles D. Cook

Ens. D(L) USNR

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
16th day of March, 1946.

/s/ Theodore M. Adelson, Lt.(JG) USNR

Legal Officer, U.S. Nav. Mil. Govt. Saipan, M.I.

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労働者名簿に、茲に於て左記ノ陳述ヲ教へたる。

私 masiano Pangelinan 一六〇年十一月廿二日生、一九二二年「カンピ」ニ来リタル。一九三三年より一九四五年迄、私ハ亦ニ管工ノ長ヲ勤メタル。日本人ノ下ニ私ハ労働班長ナリタル。

日本人ハ凡テノ軍事施設及重要モノ至ニ隠ス爲ニ非常ニ注意深クシテ事ニシタル。併シ私ハ一九四二年以前ニ「カンピ」ニ於テ日本、再武装ノタリ、跡ヲ見タル。此戦後、一九三五年頃カラ漸始「タリ」飛行場、現位置ノ「アスリ」上飛行場ノ建設ト共ニ始リ、而シテ一九四〇年迄ニ急速ニ進歩ヲシタル。私ハ此期間中ニ彈藥集積所、兵營及其他軍事施設ノ建設ヲ認メタル。

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